

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy

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Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director of Central Intelligence  
New War Department Building  
21st & Virginia Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

In accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 there was established a Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. This Act states that this Joint Committee "shall make continuing studies of the activities of the Atomic Energy Commission and of problems relating to the development, use, and control of atomic energy. ... The Committee is authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the departments and establishments of the government."

As a consequence of the Act the Committee is interested in all phases of problems relating to the development, use and control of atomic energy. It is understood that the Central Intelligence Group is the agency which has been assigned the duty of collecting and evaluating information of this nature.

The Committee therefore is desirous of establishing immediate liaison with the Central Intelligence Group in order to secure all information which will assist the Committee in performing its duty under the provisions of the Act. The assistance of your office in effecting the liaison and thus establishing a means for mutual cooperation on this important subject will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(s) B.B. Hickenlooper  
Chairman